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SUBJECT: PROPOSED CONTROL OF LOCAL EMPLOYEES

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1. THERE HAS BEEN NO BASIC CHANGE IN RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
EMBASSY FSL'S AND DIPLOMATIC SERVICE DIRECTORATE IN PAST YEAR.
 2. HOWEVER, A NEW AND IRKSOME PROCEDURE TIGHTENING CONTROL
OVER EXIT PERMITS FOR FSL'S HAS BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE MAY 1976,
CAUSING DELAYS IN FOUR EMBASSY TRIPS OUTSIDE OF HUNGARY
BECAUSE PASSPORTS/EXIT PERMITS WERE NOT AVAILABLE FOR DRIVERS.
 3. PRIOR TO A MAY 10 CIRCULAR NOTE TO ALL FOREIGN MISSIONS
THE EMBASSY WAS ABLE TO REQUEST AND RECEIVE AN EXIT PERMIT
FOR AN FSL IN TWO TO THREE WEEKS FROM THE TIME REQUEST WAS
SUBMITTED (VIA DIPLOMATIC SERVICE DIRECTORATE TO MINISTRY OF
INTERIOR). EMBASSY COULD THEN RETAIN PASSPORT UNTIL
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NEEDED FOR TRAVEL.

4. NOW PASSPORTS ARE NOT RETURNED TO EMBASSY UNTIL
EMBASSY SENDS NOTE TO DSD STATING EXACT TIME AND
DESTINATION OF TRAVEL; EVEN IF THIS INFORMATION IS

PROVIDED THREE WEEKS IN ADVANCE, PASSPORT WILL NOT BE RETURNED UNTIL DATE OF TRAVEL. DSD CLAIMS THEY ARE POWERLESS TO CHANGE NEW PROCEDURES OF INTERIOR MINISTRY.

5. IN ADDITION, EACH EXIT PERMIT, FORMERLY GRATIS FOR DRIVERS, NOW COSTS 500 FORINTS (APPROX \$25).

6. EMBASSY HAS PROTESTED NEW PROCEDURES ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS (LAST TIME THIS MONTH) WHICH LEAVE IT WITHOUT DRIVER FOR AN EMERGENCY REQUIRING TRAVEL OUTSIDE HUNGARY. ALTHOUGH DSD HAS AGREED TO LOOK INTO MATTER WITH A VIEW TO FINDING RELIEF FOR EMBASSY FROM THIS ONEROUS PROCEDURE, EMBASSY HAS NOT YET RECEIVED A REPLY.

7. WOULD BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING IF OTHER EE EMBASSIES HAVE SIMILAR EXPERIENCE.
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